



FOREST INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Location: Meickle Creek Road

Date of Incident: Aug 22/07

Details of Incident:

Mechanic was helping Low-bed driver attach cinches and chains to a load. While in the process of tightening a cinch, the handle broke off causing the mechanic to fall back. The sudden twist caused a minor sprain to his ankle, but could have been much worse.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

All truck drivers and others using cinches should inspect them periodically for cracks or flaws to help avoid this type of failure.